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THE DREAM OF OUR DEAD

The Effect of Intemperance in Eureka Springs, Va.

Our friend G. W. Sweezy had a remarkable dream the other night, and never stopped until he had unburdened his mind in the office of the great religious weekly. The dream is related as about as follows:

He dreamed that he had died and landed plump in that place where the mercury is said to run clear out of the top of the thermometer. This was not unexpected to Sweezy, as he had been expected to get that or thereabouts.

The gentleman in charge of this celebrated resort, who is widely known as having a tall of huge proportions, the end of which terminates in a decoration resembling a fish hook, on meeting his old friend remarked:

"Hello, Sweezy!"

"Good morning, pard."

"Got down at last, did you? Been looking for you for some time."

"Yes, grasshoppers, drouth and a democratic governor in Kansas was too much for me. Had to come."

"Walk in."

"Hold on a second. I always spoke well of you didn't I?"

"Yes."

"Well, I would like to argue this matter a little."

Sweezy then gave the old man a good game of single handed talk and it was finally agreed that he should have the privilege of one interview with St. Peter.

He sailed off and knocked at headquarters. The door was opened and the question asked:

"Who's there?"

"George Washington Sweezy."

"Where from?"

"Halstead, Harvey county, Kansas."

"What business?"

"Editor and postmaster."

"What denomination do you belong to?"

"I was born a Baptist, raised a Methodist, but of later years could not harmonize my religion with business, so have attended to business strictly."

"I don't find your name on the credit side of our books, Mr. Sweezy."

"I didn't expect you would, but I thought, Mr. Doorkeeper, that perhaps you might give me one show, for three reasons, viz: I have always boarded the ministers free (I keep a hotel for the 'Frisco line') saved a beautiful young lady from choking to death on spruce gum, at an imminent risk of my own life, and killed a lightning rod peddler, in a fit of temporary insanity; O, yes, and I completely riddled a book agent with—"

"That will do, Mr. Sweezy. Your reasons are all that could be asked for, and I am disposed to give you one chance. As you have given three reasons in mitigation of your worldly career, I will, if you satisfactorily answer me three questions, make the ante good, stand the raise and pass you in."

"Just and upright, Mr. Doorkeeper, I am sure to go in. The Sweezy family are noted for their ability to answer questions, and I am the king bee of the flock."

"Well, once, allow me to interrogate: Have you always been kind, affectionate and submissive to your mother-in-law?"

"That's what I have, with a big H, too."

"Have you ever appropriated (not stole) public monies which have passed thro' your hands while acting in your official capacity as P. M.?"

"Non-o, that is with a little n."

By this time Sweezy was perspiring freely. In fact his red flannel undershirt was kept busy absorbing the sweat that he, an to stand out in large drops.

"Now, Mr. Sweezy," remarked the questioner, "I am about to propound a question that has puzzled some of the greatest minds of this age. It has been given up by Greeley and others, while Blaine, Arthur, Conkling, Logan and many other distinguished gentlemen are wrestling with it now. The only man so far who struck anywhere near the key-note is Stephen Dorsey. I like you very well and am giving you these pointers. I will now give you the question, and consider it well before answering."

"Can you inform me what are the so-called, time-honored principles of the Republican party?"

Sweezy is not a man that weakens easily. But cold chills went darting up his back; visions of that heated climate filled his mind with horrible forebodings of an eternal sweat, a sort of a vapor bath on an exaggerated scale, so to speak; his face assumed that leaden hue, far more ghastly than death; his undrinking would not support the great mental load to which they were subjected; his tongue stuck to the roof of his mouth as if plastered with patent cement, and after a prolonged and terrible struggle he managed to gasp:

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